

A SINGULAR CASE

Where Circumstantial Evidence
Played Justice False.

HANGED AN INNOCENT MAN.

Every incident in the remarkable
Sequence of Events Seemed to Point
Conclusively to the Guilt of Harry
Blake, Who Was Accused of Murder.

It began in the Blue Horse tavern, on the highway leading to Albany. Toward the close of an autumn day a half dozen men sat in the old bar-room discussing events which then were leading to the outbreak of the American Revolution. At such a time arguments were very likely to be rather more vigorous than ordinarily would be the case. And this was no exception. Fearing that trouble might result, one of the men exclaimed: "Come, Wickliffe, stop this. Such a dispute is nonsense."

Wickliffe was an ugly looking fellow, short and stout, with a dark, sallow face, black eyes, low, wrinkled forehead and lips that bared his teeth on occasions like a dog preparing to bite. "My quarrel is with Harry Blake," he snarled. "It is none of your affair."

"Well, Wickliffe," Blake cried good naturedly, "if you will quarrel, I won't. I'll say no more."

Evidently Wickliffe was bent on trouble, for he muttered something which brought a cry of "Shame!" from every one in the room. Blake's face became deadly pale. "Wickliffe," he said steadily, "I didn't hear what you said, but I dare you to repeat it. If you do and there's one improper word in it, this hour will be the bitterest of your life."

Once more the offensive words were flung at him, and in an instant Blake had seized Wickliffe and thrown him across the room. For a moment he lay stunned, but presently, his face dark with hatred, he rose and, shaking his fist at Blake, exclaimed:

"You may take your measure for a coffin. You will need one."

"Not before you," was Blake's reply. Shortly after the quarrel Wickliffe left the Blue Horse for his home.

Blake, whose road lay in the same direction, followed soon. Ten minutes later two more of the loiterers, also going over the highway taken by Wickliffe and Blake, started on their homeward way.

The last two travelers had ridden several miles, talking earnestly of the stirring events which then engaged men's minds, when a loud cry was heard at a little distance. In a moment it was repeated.

"Mercy!" the voice pleaded, and then, "Oh, Harry!"

"Can Blake be settling scores with Wickliffe?" exclaimed Grayson, one of the two riders.

In a moment they had galloped around a copse of trees at a bend in the road. Within twenty yards of them, on his back in the dust, lay Wickliffe dead. Bending over him stood Blake, grasping a knife driven to the hilt in his bosom.

"Taken red handed," Grayson cried, while Walton, his companion, himself a constable, sprang from his horse, exclaiming: "Blake. I charge you with murder."

"Why, I didn't kill him," Blake said earnestly. "You are mad. I found Wickliffe lying dead and was about to pull this knife from the wound when you came up."

Grayson shook his head. "I wish I could believe you, Harry," he said, "but as I hope to be saved I saw you stab him. I did."

It would be hard to imagine a situation more likely to convince a jury of the prisoner's guilt. Conny Doyle in his wildest fancies in deduction never presented more damning evidence to Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson—the quarrel in the Blue Horse tavern, the epithet resented, the fight, the counter-thrust of death, the departure of both while their temper yet was warm and then the terrible tableau on the highway.

What might a man expect even now with the thousand loopholes that the law provides for escape? There could be only one conclusion now, as then, and that conclusion the jury reached without leaving the courtroom. Blake's protestations were vain. He died on the scaffold declaring his innocence.

Three months after the execution the judge who presided at the trial was summoned to Albany to see a prisoner under sentence of death. Grayson, whose testimony chiefly had convicted Blake, also was summoned. Much in wonder, they entered the cell together.

"You," the prisoner said to the judge, "presided at the trial of Harry Blake."

"I did."

"And you," turning to Grayson, "swore you saw him stab Wickliffe. On your testimony he was hung."

"I saw Blake stab him," Grayson said.

"You did not," the prisoner sneered, "for I killed Wickliffe. I sprang into the wood at Blake's approach. His story was true."

The confession was so clear and full that it left no doubt in the judge's mind that a fearful wrong had been done Blake. As for Grayson, the chief witness, he committed suicide. The records contain many instances of the law's mistakes, but few so pathetic as the case of Harry Blake.—Kansas City Star.

Method is like packing things in a box. A good packer will get in half as much again as a bad one.—Cecil.

NEW ENGLAND RIFLE COMPETITORS

Wakefield, Mass., July 11.—On the Bay State range here today the opening volleys were fired in the sixth annual competitions of the New England Military Rifle Association. The initial events were the First crops of cadets match and the State of Maine match. The competitions will continue through the week.

SHORT LOCALS

Eggs 20c; butter 22c.
Mr. Harry McCullough left Sunday for Detroit to spend a few days.

Miss Nellie Miller of Columbus is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. John Conard who reside just north of Brandon.

Mr. L. C. Stillwell went to Newark Monday to attend to some matters of business.

Mr. W. W. Miller returned to Columbus this afternoon after a short visit in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Smith returned to London, O., today after a visit with relatives in the city.

Mr. William F. Rimer went to Utica Monday noon to attend to some matters of business.

Mr. Jay Cullison of Coshocton is spending several days with his parents in Danville.

Mrs. Barbara Carle went to Columbus Sunday to spend several days with her sister, Mrs. A. T. Butler.

Mr. Lewis Hyman went to Millersburg Monday morning to attend to some business matters.

Mr. Samuel Carey of East Hamtramck street went to Bangs Monday morning to spend the day.

Mrs. Addison C. Dickinson of New Castle, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. Charles F. Baldwin and Miss Irvine, East Gambier street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brereton will leave Wednesday for a several days' trip to Cleveland, Toledo and Salem, Ohio.

Mr. Frank Sapp, who has been employed for the past nine years in the Henegan grocery this city, has purchased a store in Columbus, Ohio, and will locate there immediately.

Miss Elizabeth Cochran, a nurse at Mt. Carmel hospital in Columbus, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cochran of Oak street.

Miss Helen Bainter of South Vernon went to Washington C. H. Saturday afternoon to spend several days with Miss Mary Hull, formerly of this city.

Misses Florence and Lulu Cochran returned Saturday from Mansfield after a short visit with their sister, Mrs. Orvil Wier.

***Professor Frank Fox of Lakeside, Ohio, will deliver an address at the Brandon M. E. church on Sunday evening, July 17th. The subject of his address will be on the work of the Anti-Saloon League.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cochran and daughters Florence and Lulu spent Sunday in Cleveland the guests of relatives.

Mrs. Bertha Masse returned to her home in Canton Monday morning after a short visit with relatives in Mt. Vernon.

Miss Nellie Ward of Chester street went to Brandon Sunday to spend several days with her uncle, Henry Hill-dreth.

Mrs. Mary A. Lape of Tolden avenue went to Mansfield Sunday morning to spend several days with her son, Mr. Charles Lape.

Mrs. C. W. Wyncoop and children have returned to their home in Toledo after a several days' visit with Mrs. Mary Bainter of South Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin O'Brien of Chester street are spending several days in Chester, the guests of Mrs. O'Brien's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bowling.

Mrs. Hollister of Mt. Liberty was taken from the evening train on the C. & C. to the Mt. Vernon hospital for treatment in McCormick's ambulance on Saturday.

Mr. A. C. Howard, who has been connected with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company in the offices in this city for several years past, has resigned his position and left today for his former home in Pittsburgh where he will reside.

Mr. J. L. Van Arnam of Wellington, Ohio, was in the city today, being called here on account of the illness of his sister, Mrs. Jason B. Richards of New London, Ohio, who came here for a visit several weeks ago and who is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Carr, East Gambier street.

Get ready for the Jackson Bros. Equine Paradox and Roman Hippodrome that opens at the park on Monday next. The management has asked the owners of fine stock, either horses or ponies, to join in this exhibition and assist in making it a gala week in the equine showing. Some very fine races on the race course will be on during the week aside from the Paradox and the exhibit of fine stock.

Knox county horsemen, show your stock. Suitable prizes will be awarded in all classes.

Boats driven by electric storage are utilized for business purposes in Germany to a greater extent than in any of the other countries.

The wireless telegraph apparatus on the transatlantic liner Caronia is the most powerful afloat, having a radius of action of 1,200 miles.

Refrigerators \$6.98 and up. Woolson's.

Straw suit cases \$1.00. Woolson's.

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Mr. William Wilkinson of Pittsburgh, Penn., is visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. Merrill Harris of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday with friends in Brandon.

Probate Judge Patrick A. Berry was a Columbus visitor this afternoon.

Mr. Harry Porter left this afternoon noon for Gallipolis on business.

Dr. W. C. Hodges of Chesterville has purchased a new auto buggy.

Mr. W. E. Thomas of Columbus arrived in Gambier Sunday morning to spend the summer with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Row and family of Brandon spent Sunday with relatives near Centerburg.

Miss Anna Riley and Miss Nellie Buckle of Warsaw spent Sunday with friends in Danville.

Hammocks 98c and up at Woolson's.

Miss Glenn Welker of Howard and Mr. James Bradrick of Fredericktown spent Sunday with friends in Danville.

Miss Mabel Cullison of Danville is spending several days with relatives in Sunbury and Mt. Gilead.

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Mr. Wade Watson of Columbus is spending several days with relatives and friends in Danville.

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Straw hand satchels 10c to 75c. Woolson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterl Shaw and daughters of Warsaw are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. William Church in Danville.

Mr. Hobart Sherman and Miss Lola Sherman of Danville are spending several days in Columbus the guests of relatives.

Mrs. J. E. Mead and Miss Hoyland Mead of Orrville are spending several days with relatives and friends in Danville.

Croquet sets 69c and up. Woolson's.

Mr. Joseph Lohr of Brandon, who was badly injured several days ago by falling from a cherry tree near his home, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Slater of near Chesterville left Monday morning for a ten days' trip to various points near the lakes and in Canada.

Everything in fruit canning supplies at Woolson's Department store.

Mrs. Ida Sellers left Monday morning for her home in Kansas City, Missouri, after a several weeks' visit with relatives in and near Mt. Vernon.

Mr. D. D. Scully of Pittsburgh spent Sunday in Gambier, the guest of his family, who are spending the summer with relatives in that place.

Miss Martha Poole of Portsmouth was operated on this morning at Mt. Vernon Medical and Surgical Sanitarium for the removal of the appendix.

Mrs. Harry McCune and children of Akron are spending several days in Mt. Vernon, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McCune of North Sandusky street.

TIMELY BREVITIES

Five is the sacred Chinese number. "French brier root" is really heather. The Japanese police are exceedingly polite.

The Mexican city of Mazatlan will soon have a Pasteur Institute.

Home rule for Ireland was first mooted by an organized association in 1870.

A school devoted exclusively to the study of motorboats has been started at New York.

Tuberculosis stands at the head of the list of diseases which afflict the American Indian.

Japan's postal service is the cheapest in the world. Letters travel for 2 sen—about seven-tenths of a penny.

A vessel was recently launched at a Scotch shipyard with all her machinery aboard and steam up ready to start.

A new boat, claimed by the inventor to be unsinkable, is made by covering a perforated steel shell with granulated cork.

Ireland accounts for about sixty-four out of every hundred persons employed in linen manufactured in the United Kingdom.

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Philippine tobacco flour is now on the market.

Six of the last nine Derby winners were ridden by Americans.

Blue, pink and aquamarine diamonds recently were exhibited in London.

Java coffee is being successfully raised in an experimental way in Porto Rico.

Of every 1,000 marriageable persons that are in this country, under fifty are married.

Since the earthquake in Sicily tourists have spent on the island at least \$1,250,000.

A theatrical manager in Vienna received not long ago the manuscript for a play in thirty-five acts.

A Japanese scientist claims to have discovered a process for causing oysters to make perfectly spherical pearls.

Helsingor, Denmark, a city of 12,000 population, gets its electricity from Sweden through a cable under the sea between the two countries.

A resolution advocating the fortnightly washing and disinfecting of all mail bags has been passed by a conference of Irish postoffice clerks.

The largest wireless station in Europe, that on the Adriatic sea at Pola, Austria-Hungary, includes a 300 foot tower built on a foundation of glass.

Originally made merely for ornamentation, electric light shades now are designed along purely scientific lines to diffuse or reflect the light with the greatest economy.

For the first time in the history of Sweden two women have been elected to the municipal council of Stockholm.

One was elected by the conservatives and one by the Socialists.

Turkish women no longer refuse to see doctors except through a rent in a curtain. Many of them will now, when ill, voluntarily send for a doctor and submit to examination.

The heightening of the Assuan dam is expected to occupy six years in all and to increase the annual value of the Egyptian cotton crop by between fifteen and twenty million dollars.

Twenty-nine persons lost their lives last year in gathering Alpine flowers and seventeen through winter sports.

No fewer than seventy-six deaths were occasioned by attempting rash and foolhardy feats.

At Apl, in the Kongo Free State, there is a training school for elephants, and at the present time twenty-eight of the animals are being trained to carry logs of wood and make themselves useful in other ways.

Think of an acre of ground covered with a pile of silver dollars 320 feet high. That would be the sight presented if the whole wealth of the country were piled together. It amounts to more than \$107,000,000,000.

To permit a motorist to explore dark corners of his car with a light and yet leave his hands free there has been invented an incandescent lamp and reflector to fasten to the forehead and take current from the car's batteries through a cord.

Spanish paper mills export paper chiefly to former Spanish colonies, and very little foreign made paper finds its way into Spain. The manufacture of cigarette paper is carried on widely, and the various Spanish specialties find a fair market abroad.

When J. R. Conley, whose death at the age of ninety years has just occurred at Surfleet, Lincolnshire, England, was ten years old, his mother presented him with a silk hat and told him to wear it always. He wore the hat indoors and out of doors until the day of his death.

On arriving at San Bernardino after a five months' prospecting trip in the desert two California prospectors found that one of their pack mules had developed a limp. An examination of the mule's hoof revealed a gold nugget, worth probably \$50. The prospectors have no idea in what part of the desert the nugget was picked up.

According to the National Association For the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, New York state leads in the number of beds for consumptives provided up to May 1, with 5,470 beds;

Massachusetts is second, with 2,403 beds; Pennsylvania third, with 2,347 beds; Colorado fourth, with 1,489 beds, and New Mexico fifth, with 1,104 beds.

Sally Cahn, a salesman in New York, got permission from Supreme Court Justice Whitney to change his name to Frederick Sally Cahn, because persons who write him business letters think he is a woman. Sally is a "fanciful name for a man to have in Germany," he said, but in this country it leads persons to write him as "My dear miss" or "madam," and he has a good deal of trouble explaining that he is a man.

A guest at a New York hotel left a pasteboard box tied carelessly with a cord with one of the room clerks and asked him to lay it aside until he returned. Knowing the guest to be a man of wealth the clerk took the precaution to put the box in a safe deposit vault, although it was thought to contain a pair of shoes. Several hours later the guest returned for the box and, opening it, revealed jewels worth from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Inventive minds have been trying for a long time to hit upon some process by which old newspapers could be reduced to a pulp and the ink extracted and the pulp made into printing paper again. But the extraction of the ink has hitherto been unaccomplished. From Germany, however, comes the news that the paper pulp treated with alkaline solutions ceases to hold the lamplamp or other pigments of the ink, and they are easily extracted from the fiber by making an emulsion of the pulp with gelatinous silica.

The battleship Indiana has undergone some tests of the "ship brake" with which she has been equipped. It was found that the vessel could be brought to a stop within the distance of her own length without injurious shock or strain.

Three hundred years ago the first home of wood was erected on Manhattan Island. It was near where the west end of Pearl street is and was made of rough logs—quite different from the last one of steel and stone now being built not far from the same site.

At the present rate of increase nearly forty-five years must elapse before sufficient hospital accommodations to provide for all the indigent consumptives in the United States will be provided, declares the National Association For the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Measurements of the senior class at Yale compared with measurements of the senior class of forty-six years ago show that the college man of today is almost exactly the height of his grandfather, but he weighs sixteen pounds more and has a chest measure of nearly two inches more.

A ferry service between Dover and Calais is now being organized, and in two years' time, according to Sir William White and Sir John Wolfe Barry, the advising engineers, passengers will travel between England and France without change of cars. Railway ferries such as are commonly in use in many parts of the United States will be employed.

Ships have been discovered showing that an eminent Englishman once urged King George III. offer Washington, London and a sum of money, to buy the American "fair and just"—from the British point of view. Probably the sum of a bribe was never offered. Certainly if it was the answer was not such as to give King George a high opinion of the perspicacity of his adviser.

Queen Olga of Greece is the only woman admiral in the world. She was Grand Duchess Olga Constantinovna of Russia when she married Prince William of Denmark, who afterward was elected king of the Hellenes and assumed the title of George I. Before the wedding Alexander III., then the czar, appointed her an admiral in the Russian navy. Today she is the commander of the second squadron of the Russian fleet.

The Brazilian government is beginning to pay attention to the cultivation and improvement of various fruits for exportation.

THE "THIRD DEGREE."

Ethics of the Process as Defined by Inspector Byrnes.

"The 'third degree,'" said Inspector Byrnes, the former chief of detectives, "should be a psychic rather than a physical process. It is not remorse brought about by continual thought upon the heinousness of his crime that drives a guilty man to confession. It is the nervous strain involved in a long effort to maintain his pretense of innocence, while he is in constant fear that the police are in possession of evidence that may prove his guilt. Something like a parallel case would be that of a prizefighter who should surmise that his antagonist was playing with him in the ring while capable of sending in a knockout blow at any time he felt so inclined. Apprehension that he was dealing with conditions of the nature of which he was unaware would eventually weaken the man in that case. Tell a suspected man who is guilty that you have evidence of his guilt and that he will get nothing to eat or will not be permitted to sleep until he confesses, and unless he will know that you have no proof against him and are only trying to get it. For instance, show him ostentatiously the weapon with which he may have killed a man and tell him that you know all about the crime and he would better confess it. He will say to himself, 'They haven't got sufficient evidence to convict me and are trying to make me furnish it, for if they had the evidence they wouldn't care whether I confessed or not,' and thus he will be encouraged to hold out. Also, if he does confess under duress, he makes a false confession, which he knows it will be impossible to corroborate."

"Now, a guilty man in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred is not sure that he has covered every trace of his crime, and he may readily be put into the state of mind of the man in Poe's story of 'The Telltale Heart,' wherein he can't help believing that proof of his guilt has been discovered and that his cross examiners are mocking him by pretending not to be aware of it. Let the guilty man catch sight of an implement with which his crime is associated in the possession of the police, which he believes has been intentionally left where he sees it, and it throws him into a panic, because he does not know how they came by the weapon nor what else they may have discovered demonstrating his guilt in getting hold of it. Perhaps he has concocted a story in his mind which the discovery of this weapon renders implausible, and he mentally puts together and rejects one sequence of lies after another, wondering whether it is safe to take chances on this bit of information or that being not in the possession of the police. Then he is overwhelmed every few moments by the thought that everything is known and all his efforts are useless. The guilty man in this condition is no longer normal, and his collapse is only a matter of time."—Frank Marshall White in Harper's Weekly.

In eighteen years, with the increase in steam vessels and decrease in sailing ships, the deaths annually due to wrecks and casualties to ships have decreased to about one-third.

The word "entomoculture" has been coined to designate the new system of horticulture which is designed to replace the old French style of intensive fruit and vegetable forcing by soil cultivation.

Letters curiously formed and written with red chalk on a card in the window of a frame building in New York not 300 yards from Columbia university announce: "Day Bored and Vokel Musick Taught."

In all King Victor Emmanuel's famous collection of coins the treasure most prized by that monarch is an ancient Montenegro gold coin, the only other known example of which is in the numismatic gallery at Vienna.

China has discovered that it needs to run its postal and telegraph systems instead of depending upon the labor of foreigners. The Celestial empire is therefore opening schools to train young men to enter these two services.

OBITUARY

George A. Hammond

George A. Hammond died at his home in Fredericktown Sunday morning at about eight o'clock after a short illness caused by a paralytic stroke. He was ninety-two years of age at the time of his death and is survived by three sisters and one son. The funeral at the house on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Thomas Hamby officiating. Interment in Forest cemetery at Fredericktown.

The deceased was one of the pioneer settlers of Fredericktown. He was the son of Frank and Mary Hammond, who came to Fredericktown from Maryland in 1819, making the trip of seven hundred and fifty miles on horseback over the mountains and through the forests. At that time, the village of Fredericktown consisted of five log cabins and one log mill, at which place, the rough logs, for building the cabins, were made. The three surviving daughters are Mrs. Mary Hammett, of Mt. Vernon, Mrs. Hattie Schenck of Mt. Gilead, Mrs. Ellen Rogers of Morrow county and the son, Mr. Francis Hammond of Salt Lake City, Utah.

MT. LIBERTY

Mrs. Ellen Hollister who has a gathering on her limb was removed to the hospital Saturday at Mt. Vernon.

Aunt Lib Snyder was removed from her home last week to C. O. Hawkins' to be cared for on account of sickness and old age.

Mrs. Lucinda Poland is recovering from typhoid fever.

Aunt Mary Bird has not been well recently.

Mrs. Thomas Conner has been suffering from heart trouble.

Alice Hoffmire is recovering from a spell of sickness.

Ada Yoakum is no better and may go to the hospital at Columbus soon.